

Carlton Township  
Regular Board Meeting Minutes  
November 9, 2020

Supervisor Brad Carpenter called the regular board meeting to order at 7:00 pm at the Carlton Township Hall. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**Roll Call:** Present Board Members: Brad Carpenter, Terri Geiger, Amanda Brown, Cary Smith, and Gary Vandecar.

**Previous Month Board Mtg Minutes:** The October 12, 2020, regular board meeting minutes were reviewed and approved as printed.

**Approval of Agenda:** Motion by Brad, seconded by Amanda, to approve the submitted agenda with one addition. All ayes, motion carried.

**Public Comment:** None

**Reports:**

1. **Treasurer:** Treasurer Report showed that as of October 31, 2020, there is \$236,597.06 in the General Fund, \$35,597.16 in the Fire Fund, \$8,600.97 in the Middle Lake Fund, \$11,623.87 in the Leach Lake Fund, \$1,424.34 in the Tax Account, \$198,900.35 in the Sewer Account, \$366,786.21 in the GFMM, \$137,259.16 in the FFMM, and \$435,447.97 in the SFMM. Approved as printed.
2. **Upcoming Meetings:**
  - a. November 18: Freeport Fire Association Meeting at 7 pm
  - b. December 14: Carlton Township Board Meeting at 7 pm
3. **Fire Departments:** BIRCH – 45 runs in October; turnout gear, SCBA, and hose reloading training. Freeport – no report. Woodland – 12 runs in October. Brad read aloud a letter from the Freeport Fire Department thanking the Carlton Township Board for the additional contribution.
4. **County Commissioners:** Jon Smelker reported on the failure of the jail millage to pass, remodeling of 911 center, ongoing union negotiations, and election of 2 new county commissioners.
5. **Zoning:** 12 open complaints, 1 new.
6. **Sewer:** 1 new added user, possibility of future large-scale project at campground.
7. **General Election Results:** Amanda presented the results of the November 3, 2020, Presidential Election.
8. **Cell Tower:** 2-year construction process has begun; contract is pending with Verizon.

**Old Business:**

1. Covid-19 Policy Update:
  - a. Motion by Amanda, seconded by Terri, to continue current Covid-19 Operations Policy until April 12, 2021, board meeting. All ayes, motion carried.

**New Business:**

1. Cary Smith Resolution:
  - a. Motion by Brad, seconded by Gary, to adopt the Resolution honoring Cary Smith for more than 26 dedicated years of service as a Carlton Township Trustee. All ayes, motion carried.
2. Money Market Accounts:
  - a. Board discussion of Fifth-Third Bank Hastings branch closing and higher interest rates available at HCB. Motion by Terri, seconded by Gary, to transfer the three Carlton Township money market accounts from Fifth-Third Bank to Highpoint Community Bank, and to have the authorized signers on the accounts be Terri Geiger, Treasurer, and Amanda Brown, Clerk.

**Approval of Bills:** With no objection after the Board looked over the accounts payable list, motion by Brad, seconded by Cary, to approve payment of bills totaling \$14,674.70 from the General Fund and to accept debit card usage total of \$180.30. All ayes, motion carried.

**Board Member Comments:**

1. Board members each thanked Cary for his service as trustee.
2. Board discussed Covid-19 pandemic impact on prices of building supplies, completion of planned township hall building renovations, and waiting until spring to proceed further.
3. Terri reported on winter taxes being sent out soon, fewer number of drains this year, and Middle Lake changes being updated.
4. Brad discussed Leach Lake account surplus and potential treatment for starry stonewort.

**Public Comment:** 8:05-8:30 pm; 3 speakers.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully prepared and submitted by Amanda Brown, Clerk